



Walden Pond State Reservation

2015 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Park Interpreters: Jennifer, Jacqui and Nick

Park Phone Number: (978) 369-3254

All programs are FREE and open to the public. An adult must accompany children 12 and under. The daily parking fee is \$8.00 per vehicle with Massachusetts plates, \$10 per vehicle with non-Massachusetts plates. On hot summer days, holidays, and weekends, Walden Pond often closes for capacity. Please call ahead or come early to insure parking is available. For more information please call the park, or visit our website

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-north/walden-pond-state-reservation.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Reading Walden's Landscape 11:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Replica	2 Thoreau's Stay at Walden 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Evening Ramble 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Replica	3 Looking Forward: New Visitor Center 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Book of Leaves 2:00pm-3:00pm at the Replica	4 Who Lives in the Forest? 11:00am-12:00pm at Main Beach Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00-3:00pm at the Replica	5 StoryWalk® 10:00am-12:00pm, starting at the Replica Pencil Making 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Replica
6 Lake Walden Amusement Park 11:00am-12:00pm at Ice Fort Cove Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00-3:00pm at Replica	7 Looking Forward: New Visitor Center 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Evening Ramble 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Replica	8 Reading Walden's Landscape 11:00am-12:00pm at the Replica	9 Thoreau's Stay at Walden 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Henry & Walden's Former Inhabitants 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Replica	10 Looking Forward: New Visitor Center 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Book of Leaves 2:00pm-3:00pm at the Replica	11 Exploring pond life like Thoreau 10:00am-12:00pm, leaving from the Replica Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00-3:00pm at the Replica	12 StoryWalk® 10:00am-12:00pm, starting at the Replica Pencil Making 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Replica
13 Walden to Wachusett Weekend 11:00am-12:00pm at Ice Fort Cove	14 Looking Forward: New Visitor Center 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica	15 Reading Walden's Landscape 11:00am-12:00pm at Replica Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Replica	16 Thoreau's Stay at Walden 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Evening Ramble 5:00pm-6:00pm at the Replica	17 Looking Forward: New Visitor Center 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica Spiders and Their Webs, Oh My! 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Replica	18 Who Lives in the Forest? 11:00am-12:00pm at Main Beach Thoreau's Stay at Walden 1:00-3:00pm at the Replica	19 StoryWalk® 10:00am-12:00pm, starting at the Replica Watermelon Party at 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Replica Pencil Making 1:00pm-2:00pm at the Replica
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September 2015 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Looking forward: New Walden Visitor Center <u>Mondays & Thursdays:</u> September 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, & 28 10:00am-12:00pm at the Replica	Stop by the Thoreau house replica for this rolling program about the new, green visitor center being built at Walden Pond. Hear from a park interpreter about the future exhibits featuring the legacy of Henry David Thoreau and get a look at the plans for this energy efficient building. All ages are welcome! Pop in anytime in the 2-hr window.
Evening Ramble <u>Mondays:</u> September 7 & 21; <u>Wednesdays:</u> September 2, 16, & 30 5:00pm – 6:00pm	Join Park staff at the Thoreau house replica , near the main parking lot, for a program about Henry David Thoreau, his stay at Walden Pond, his literary, environmental and human rights legacy. This <u>hour-long</u> program is for visitors of all ages. During the program we will hike along the pond ½ mile to the original location of Thoreau's house site.
Reading Walden's Landscape <u>Tuesdays:</u> September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 11:00am–12:00pm at the Replica	Join us for an interpretive walk on the <i>Pond Path</i> . Thoreau was a keen observer and meticulous documenter of nature. We will identify wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, and trees and interpret the forested landscape as Thoreau would have done. We will discuss forest succession and will also share some descriptive passages from Thoreau's book, "Walden." Meet in front of the Thoreau house replica . Please wear proper walking shoes and bring your water and sunscreen. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Thoreau's Stay at Walden <u>Sundays:</u> September 6, 20, & 27; 1:00pm-3:00pm <u>Tuesdays:</u> September 1, 15, & 29; 1:00-3:00pm <u>Wednesdays:</u> September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; 10:00am-12:00pm <u>Fridays:</u> September 4, 11, 18, & 25; 1:00pm-3:00pm	Join a park interpreter at the Thoreau house replica for fun and informative learning about Henry's David Thoreau's life and his stay at Walden Pond. Please refer to a park trail map available at any of the kiosks for these specific locations. On hot summer days, holidays, and weekends, Walden Pond State Reservation often closes because of visitor capacity. Visitors are strongly encouraged to call the park headquarters (978-369-3254) and listen to the voice message before planning a trip or attending a program. Don't forget your insect repellent and sunscreen. Suitable for all ages!
Henry & Walden's Former Inhabitants <u>Wednesdays:</u> September 9 & 23 5:00pm-6:00pm	Join a park interpreter at the Thoreau house replica , near the main parking lot, for a walk to the house sites of former slaves Zilpa White and Cato Ingraham and the site of Thoreau's bean field. Learn about some of the lesser known residents of Walden Woods, and Thoreau's recounting of their stories. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
Book of Leaves 2:00pm-3:00pm <u>Thursdays:</u> September 3, 10, & 24	Did you know Henry David kept a journal from ages 20 to 44? Join our interpretive staff in creating your very own nature journal to take home! We will even add our first observations to the journal using leaf rubbings. Meet out by Thoreau's replica. Children should be supervised by an adult.
Spiders and their Webs. Oh My! <u>Thursday:</u> September 17; 1:00pm-3:00pm	For kids: Help build a big spider web! Learn about and make one of nature's basic connections, the spider web. Meet at the Thoreau house replica near the parking lot. Dress for the weather. All are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Who Lives in the Forest? <u>Fridays:</u> September 4 & 18 11:00am-12:00pm	Now is your chance to hear about some animals that live in the forest and how to find them. Meet us at the table at the Main Beach bike rack area to practice your naturalist skills. This program is for all ages. Children should be supervised by an adult. Stop by any time in this 2 hr. window.
Exploring pond life like Thoreau <u>Fridays:</u> September 11 & 25 10:00am-12:00pm	Now is your chance to explore Heywood Meadow like Thoreau! Meet us down by the Main Beach bike racks and come hear about one of our property's wetlands. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to get a little wet. This program is for all ages, however, we will take a 40-minute hike round-trip to the Meadow and back. Children should be supervised by an adult. Insect repellent on clothes—not hands, water, and hiking shoes are recommended.
StoryWalk® at Walden 10:00am-12:00pm <u>Saturdays:</u> September 5, 12, 19 & 26	Step inside a story book as you stroll past book passages placed on the Pond Trail. Fun for the whole family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program starts at the Thoreau house replica . Sunscreen and insect repellent are recommended. Stop by any time in this 2 hr. window.
Annual Watermelon Party 12:00pm-2:00pm <u>Saturday:</u> September 19	Henry Thoreau was known to have grown the sweetest, juiciest watermelons in Concord. Every year, he shared his harvest with friends and family. As we continue this tradition, enjoy a slice of melon with historian Richard Smith who will portray Thoreau at the House Replica . The replica is located next to the parking lot. This program is for visitors of all ages. <i>Sponsored by The Thoreau Society.</i>
Lake Walden Amusement Park 11:00am-12:00pm <u>Sundays:</u> September 6, 20, & 27	Meet a park interpreter at the Ice Fort Cove at the back of Walden Pond where the voices of merrymaking from the <i>Walden Pond Amusement Park</i> once echoed by the shore! Learn about the boat rentals, dancing, and picnicking by large numbers of "day trippers" who came visiting by train from the city starting in 1868. Stop by any time in this one-hr. window.
Thoreau Family Pencil Making 1:00pm-2:00pm <u>Saturdays:</u> September 5, 12, 19, & 26	Come and learn about the Thoreau family's pencil making business! Henry David Thoreau is a renowned as a writer and thinker, but he was also a very "hands on" person. Not only did he build his house himself but he also improved the methods of pencil making in his family's business. Join a park interpreter at the Replica near the parking lot for a look into this little-known side of Henry. We will have a pencil-making activity; children will leave with their own working pencil! Appropriate for children ages 6-12 accompanied by an adult.